Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is already a gradation in the scale of inspection fees for boats as given below:—

			Rs.
Boats of sizes less than	100 tons	50	per annum.
Boats of sizes between	100—200 ,,	80	,,
,,	200—400 ,,	100	,,
,,	400—800 ,,	120	,,

Government do not consider that any further sub-division of the sizes of boats for the purpose of levying inspection fees is necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I think the assurance of the other day stands ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. G. Sankara Kurup—appointment as Assistant Professor of Malayalam.

210. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the qualification of Mr. Sankara Kurup who has been appointed Assistant Professor of Malayalam in the Maharaja's College ;

(2) whether there are not Pandits with better qualifications or more service than Mr. Kurup in the department ;

(3) what are the special reasons for appointing him to this post in preference to others in the service ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) The Vidwan examination of Madras University in the first class, the State Pandits' examination, the Higher examination of Travancore. He is also the author of several notable books in prose and verse.

(2) There are no Pandits with better qualifications than Mr. Kurup or even with the same qualifications, but there are Pandits with more service in the department.

(3) He is the best, taking everything into consideration.

Preaudit of bills—delay in the Comptroller's Office.

211. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give the number of bills kept more than (1) one month (2) two months (3) three months and (4) six months for preaudit in the Comptroller's Office this year ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Number of bills kept for more than one month 2.

Number of bills kept for more than	two months	2.
do	three months	nil.
do	six months	nil.

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